



CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

24-HOUR REPORT

13 OCTOBER 2017

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Equifax Says Systems Not Compromised in Latest Cyber Scare

(U) Atlanta – Equifax Inc. said yesterday that one of its third-party vendors had been running malicious code on one its web pages, but that the credit reporting agency was not the subject of another cyber-attack and its systems were not compromised. Equifax had said earlier it took the affected web page offline following a report by the technology news website Ars Technica that the company's website may have been hacked. Equifax disclosed a little over a month ago that cyber criminals had breached its systems between mid-May and late July and stolen the sensitive information of 145.5 million people.

SOURCE: 12 October 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nebraska – Authorities Make One of Country's Largest Fentanyl Seizures

(U) Omaha – Acting United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska says an interdiction operation in Omaha has resulted in one of the largest fentanyl seizures the country has ever seen. Authorities say a 27-year-old California man was arrested earlier this week. He is accused of transporting more than 15 kilos, or 33 pounds, of the dangerous drug in his luggage. "This fentanyl seizure is the largest ever in Nebraska and one of the largest in the nation," a news released from the US Attorney's Office said.

SOURCE: 13 October 2017, [KCRA](#)

(U) North Carolina – Two Dead And 10 Injured After Attempted Prison Break

(U) Elizabeth City – Two prison employees were killed and ten others hospitalized with injuries after an attempted prison break. The North Carolina Department of Public Safety announced the fatalities yesterday evening, following the earlier announcement about the injuries. The incident occurred at the Pasquotank Correctional Institute at around 3:30 p.m. when an inmate set a fire in the sewing plant, which injured several employees. Three prison employees remain in critical condition, while seven were treated and released. Four inmates were also injured in the attempted prison break.

SOURCE: 12 October 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt – Attack in Sinai Peninsula Kills Six Police Officers

(U) El-Arish – Egyptian officials say an attack on a checkpoint in the northern Sinai Peninsula has killed six police officers. Security and hospital officials confirmed the toll from yesterday's attack on the outskirts of the city of el-Arish and said another four people were wounded. Egypt has been battling an insurgency in the northern Sinai that has been led by an ISIS affiliate since 2014. In July, ISIS militants killed 23 soldiers in a remote checkpoint in northeastern Sinai—the deadliest assault on the military in the region in two years.

SOURCE: 12 October 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria – ISIS Attack Kills at Least 50

(U) Abu Fas – ISIS suicide attackers killed at least 50 people yesterday in a triple car bomb attack among a group of refugees in northeast Syria. The attack took place near the border of Deir al-Zor and Hasaka

provinces, causing fatalities which included refugees fleeing the fighting in Deir al-Zor as well as members of the Kurdish Asayish security force. ISIS also claimed an attack carried out the day prior in the capital Damascus, where three suicide bombers detonated their devices near a police headquarters, killing two people and wounding six.

SOURCE: 12 October 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Prison Riot Leads to 17 Deaths, UN Calls for Investigation

(U) Cadereyta – The UN has called for investigation into a prison riot that began on 10 October in the northern border state of Nuevo Leon, leaving 17 people dead. Tuesday's riot saw inmates take guards hostage, beat them, and threaten to throw them off the roof of the prison. Police resorted to using lethal force after several hours of attempted negotiations failed, with about 250 inmates battling security forces during the disturbance. The UN cited other recent prison revolts as a reason for a complete report. Prison authorities said they are open to cooperating with human rights organizations.

SOURCE: 12 October 2017, [BBC](#) and [Associated Press](#)

(U) PREPARED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER.

(U) FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE EMAIL STAC@CALOES.CA.GOV, OR CALL 916-636-2900.

Warning: This document is the exclusive property of the State Threat Assessment Center (STAC) and is UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (U//FOUO). It contains information that may be exempt from public release under the California Public Records Act (Govt. Code Sec. 6250-6270). It is to be controlled, stored, handled, transmitted, distributed, and disposed of in accordance with STAC policy relating to U//FOUO information and is not to be released to the public, the media, or other personnel who do not have a valid "need-to-know" without prior approval of an authorized STAC official. No portion of this report should be furnished to the media, either in written or verbal form.

This document contains excerpts of suspicious activities and incidents of interest to the STAC as obtained from open and unclassified sources.